

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission  
Commission Meeting  
September 15, 2022

The Commission Meeting for the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission was held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Sloppy Floyd Government Office Building. 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Suite 802- West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

<b>The following Commissioners were present:</b>	<b>Others Present:</b>
Seth Millican- Chairman Rick Thompson- Vice Chairman Jerry Orlans** Dr. Jeff Traub, MD**	Matt Woodruff- Executive Director Attorney General's Office [Max Changus] Nate Mann** David Oblas** Megan Swartzlander**
** By Phone/Zoom	Justin Brown** Dhiego Lima**

**Chairman Seth Millican established** that a quorum was present and the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission meeting that was scheduled to begin at 8:30am and was called to order at 8:31am.

**Commission Elections:** elections were tabled.

**Motion to Approve** the Commission meeting minutes from 8/18/22. Commissioner Dr. Jeff Traub makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Jerry Orlans seconds, and the Commission votes 3-0 to approve. Vice Chairman Rick Thompson abstains from the vote.

**Motion to Approve** the 10/1/22 Pulse Boxing event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the 10/14/22 iKON Fighting Championship event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the 10/15/22 NFC Fighting event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the 10/22/22 K. South Promotions event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** R&C Promotions promoter license. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

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**Motion to Approve** the 10/22/22 R&C Promotions event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the 12/9/22 J.BE Promotions event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the license application for Eric Draper. Mr. Draper is a 45-year-old applying for a professional boxing license. His record is 19-10-1. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the license application for Deon Hale. Mr. Hale is a 39-year-old applying for a professional boxing license. His record is 5-16-1. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to approve. Chairman Millican seconds and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** the license application for Damian Marchiano. Mr. Marchiano is a 42-year-old applying for a professional boxing license. His record is 18-11-1. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to table until all medicals are properly submitted. Commissioner Orlans seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to table.

**Motion to Approve** the license application for Doug Usher. Mr. Usher is a 39-year-old applying for a professional MMA license. His record is 13-4. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Chairman Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to Approve** GAMMA USA amateur sanctioning organization license application. Following a discussion between the Commission and Justin Brown from GAMMA, Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to table and seek legal advice from the Attorney General's office on this application. Chairman Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to table.

**Discussion** on proposed rule change to Rule 85-1-.04 (6). Chairman Millican makes a motion to approve and send to the Attorney General's office for Legal Authority to post the proposed change. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Discussion** on Bruce Suoto's drug test results. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to keep the suspension in place until Mr. Suoto makes a request to have lifted. Commissioner Traub seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0.

**Discussion** on Klidson Abreu's drug test results. Commissioner Traub makes a motion to overturn the fight to a No Contest and keep on an indefinite suspension until Mr. Abreu makes a request to have lifted. Vice Chairman Thompson seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0.

**Public Comment:**

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- Nate Mann: has taken students from his gym to GAMMA event in Tennessee and said they were well run events.
  - o Vice Chairman Thompson ask to reach out to other states to obtain youth MMA rules.
- David Oblas: ask for clarity on the weight spread rule.
  - o Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to place on the October agenda as a proposed rule change.
- Dhiego Lima: ask if the Commission would allow A'Keithen Whitener (1-1 amateur) to turn pro due to the difficulties in obtaining fights.
  - o Chairman Millican states a waiver could be submitted and the Commission can review at that time.

**Attorney General's Report:**

- No report given

**Commission Report:**

- No report given

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to amend the agenda to add two items. Chairman Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to amend.
- Motion to Approve Elev8 Fight League LLC promoter license. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Chairman Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.
- Motion to Approve the 1/14/23 Elev8 Fight League LLC event permit. Vice Chairman Thompson makes a motion to approve. Chairman Millican seconds, and the Commission votes 4-0 to approve.

**Motion to adjourn.** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.